GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PSBS AS BROKERS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Public Sector Banks have plans to get into broking as reported in the Asian Age dated February 18,2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) to (c): Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has permitted Canara Bank to carry on certain activities which included broking in equity by the Gilt Securities Trading Corporation Ltd. (GSTCL), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Bank. However, no other bank indicated in the news-item i.e. State Bank of India and United Bank of India, have submitted any such proposal to RBI.